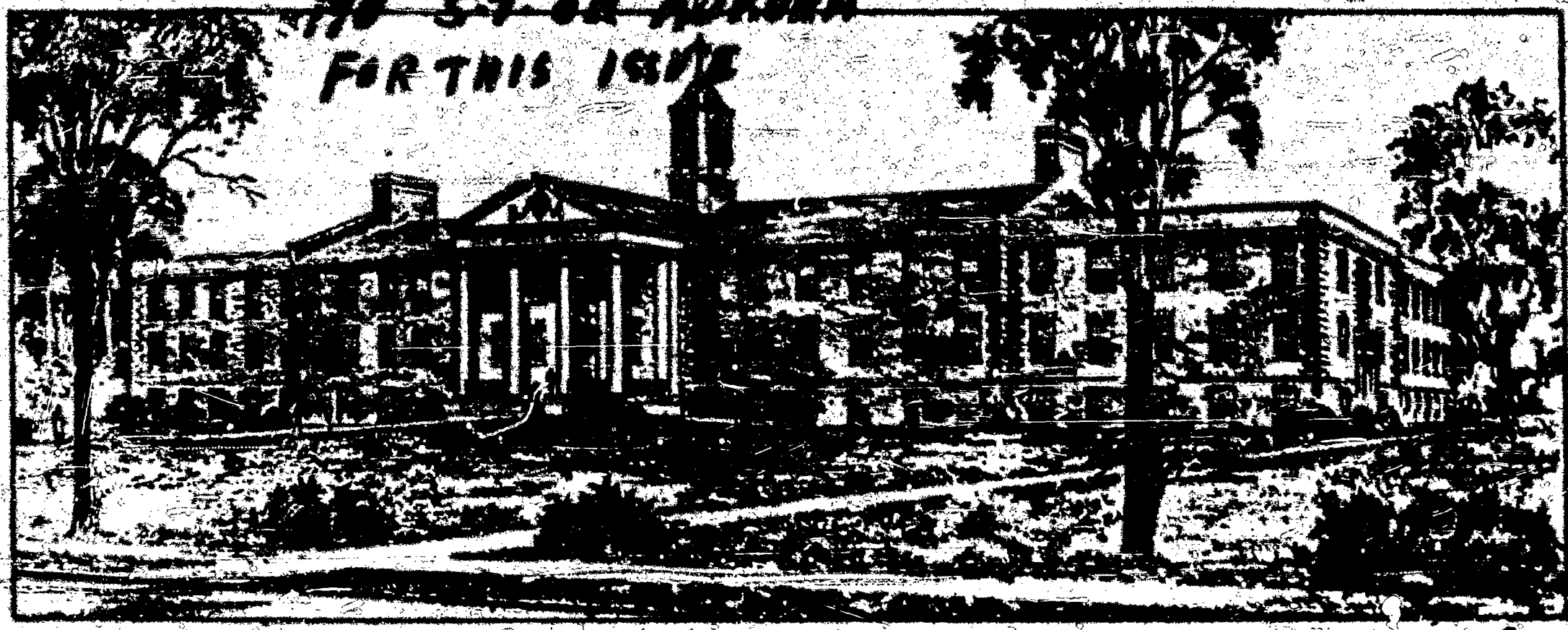


Dewey Ave. Site Picked for St. Andrew's

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ARCHITECT'S SKETCH OF THE NEW ST. ANDREW'S PREPARATORY SEMINARY TO BE ERECTED ON DEWEY AVENUE

Diocese Ready For Thursday Opening of the \$500,000 Drive

The new \$500,000 St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary will be erected in Dewey Avenue, Rochester, in the shadow of St. Bernard's.

That decision was announced today by Bishop James E. Kearney as he revitalized his clergy and laity for the seminary's half million dollar campaign which opens with a dinner in Rochester's Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening, February 5.

The new St. Andrew's will be built on the east side of Dewey Avenue just south of Winton Street. The property, now owned by Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, will be deeded to the Diocese of Rochester.

The location is along, directly west of the present St. Bernard's Seminary (see map on page 1).

Georgian Structure

An architect's drawings of the new seminary, released today, reveals that it will be a handsome brick structure in the Georgian architectural style.

The complex will consist of a complete physical education building for the four years of high school and two years of college work carried on at the seminary.

The center of the structure will be occupied by a chapel. Recitation classrooms are planned for the college department and six for the high school department.

Thirty rooms have been set aside for resident college students while a dormitory, capable of accommodating thirty high school students also is included in the plans.

Three Laboratories

Living accommodations for twelve members of the seminary faculty are provided in the plan drawn by Joseph P. Foy and H. H. Schaefer.

Provision also has been made for two laboratories for college students and one for high school students.

There will be two restrooms, one for college and one for the high school groups.

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GEN. M'ARTHUR LAUDS CHURCH IN JAPAN

Tokyo — (NC) — Here is the text of a letter from General Douglas MacArthur in response to one addressed to him by Bishop Paul Taguchi, of Osaka, who expressed gratitude to the Supreme Commander for the MacArthur policy under which "we Catholics of Japan are enjoying perfect freedom of faith and religious practice for the first time since Saint Francis Xavier, the Apostle of Japan, came to preach the Gospel 400 years ago."

"Dear Bishop Taguchi: I was profoundly gratified to receive your letter of January 2 with its inspiring reference to the religious freedom bestowed upon the Japanese people through the application of our occupational policies.

"This most sacred of human rights, to worship freely in accordance with individual conscience, is fundamental to all reform by which is sought the release of the Japanese mind from the domination which for centuries has held it in close restraint.

"For 400 years the Catholic Church through its self-sacrificing, patient and heroic ministry has sought this redemption by teaching to the Japanese people of the circumstances would permit. Although it has been impeded by inconsiderate State controls, it has none the less given food for enlightened and liberal thought and provided spiritual sustenance to the people.

"It is my fervent hope that from the bitter and costly struggle in which the world has long been engaged will emerge a strong conscience in the conscience of all peoples to a theological vision. You may be assured of every assistance within my power in the restoration of those temples dedicated to religious worship, the ruins of which now lie in war's wake.

"Faithfully yours,
Douglas MacArthur."



Court Upholds Public School Religion Study

Champaign, Ill. — (INS) — The right of the City of Champaign to teach religion on school property during school hours has been upheld by a three-judge court.

After four months of study, the Court has denied the petition for Mandamus filed by Mrs. Vashti McCollum, the 32-year-old wife of a University of Illinois professor, and daughter of Arthur G. Cromwell, leader of a Rochester, N. Y. Free Thinkers Group.

Mrs. McCollum contended the schools had no right to teach religion on a school property, even though students in the religious classes could not enroll without the written consent of their parents.

The mother of three children, Mrs. McCollum contended that her 10-year-old son, James Terry McCollum, was embarrassed because other students took the courses but he did not. Both she and her small son professed Atheism.

The decision of the Court, which Mrs. McCollum had indicated would be appealed if she lost, has far reaching effects.

Quotaes Important

Educators throughout the nation were awaiting the decision, as affecting the legality of religious teachings in schools in 46 states.

More than one and one half million students participate in religious education classes in the United States.

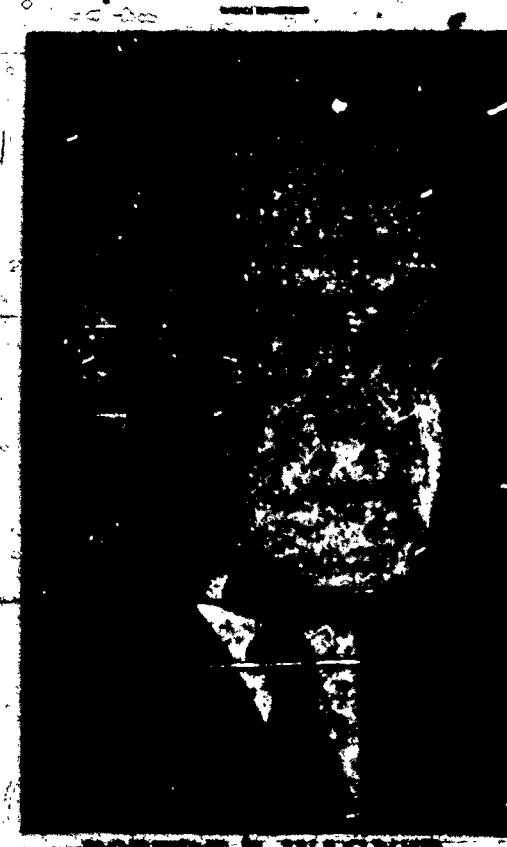
Mrs. McCollum filed her Mandamus suit to halt the teaching of religious education in Champaign's schools last June.

At that time she complained that school buildings were not available to her for teaching "Atheism or Rationalism" and asserted that Terry was embarrassed because he was the only pupil in his class not taking religious education.

The suit attracted national attention, as did the trial, held for a week last September. Some persons compared the case, because of its nation-wide importance, to the famed Scopes trial in Tennessee.

Mrs. McCollum testified of her Atheistic beliefs and said that her son was subjected to teasing by his classmates because he was not enrolled in the classes.

Sen. Wagner Joins Church; Keeps Vow Made to Al Smith



ROBERT F. WAGNER

New York — (INS) — The stocky, Social-faced man sat with bowed head in a wheelchair while the priest poured a few drops of water on his head and intoned:

"Robert, I baptize thee in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

This scene was a hospital room where U. S. Sen. Robert Wagner was being baptized.

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On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Conversion to the Catholic Faith of Robert F. Wagner, New York State's senior United States Senator, is very good news.

The Courier-Journal is particularly pleased to hear of the veteran senator's good fortune because only a few months ago, in the role of a news reporter, we gave this paper one of the best scoops of 1945.

Here is the story: Last May, the well-informed Washington news columnist Constantine Brown reported that Father Leopold Braun, the American priest then living in Moscow, had been arrested on trumped-up charges by the Soviets.

Brown's story carried no official confirmation and the American press ignored it.

Anxious to verify Brown's report, the Courier-Journal telephoned the Washington headquarters of the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service. The N.C.W.C. officials revealed that they had asked the U. S. State Department for information on the rumored arrest of Father Braun but had met with silent rebuff.

Then it was that this paper decided to test the old adage of "See your Senator." We wired

Attack on Church Draws Reply

Washington — Rep. O'Toole (D-N.Y.) has labeled the "titanic falsehood" the charge by the official Soviet publication "Izvestia" that the Catholic Church, Pope Pius XII and Cardinal-designate Francis J. Spellman were supporting Fascist policies.

In the light of the Soviet-Nazi non-aggression pact, O'Toole told the House, the terming of His Holiness "a Fascist" by his Communist detractors "is the height of absurdity."

Even while this infamous Hitler-Stalin alliance was being made, O'Toole added, Pius XII was endeavoring to save the soul of the Italian nation from pollution by Fascism.

Pointing out that he previously had pleaded for Soviet-American understanding, O'Toole said the

series of unkindly, unprovoked moves made by the USSR in violation of international agreements.

O'Toole said: "Now, I find myself in a position and talk with increasing unwillingness of cooperation for the Americans have sought to..."

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